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FOLLOWING REPEAT PEKING 1866 ACTION
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, CH
SUBJECT: CALLS ON DIPLOMATS, ESPECIALLY FITZGERALD

1. HAVE COMPLETED TO DATE CALLS ON AMBASSADORS OF UK, AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, NEW ZEALAND. ALL WANT TO TALK "SUCCESSION". ALL AGREE SOME TYPE COALITION OR COLLECTIVE PROBABLE. NONE SEE GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY DOMINATED BY ONE STRONG CHARISMATIC INDIVIDUAL. IT IS AMAZING HOW LITTLE IS REALLY KNOWN FOR SURE ON THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION, IN SPITE OF THE ENDLESS HOURS THAT GO INTO TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT.

2. MY TALK WITH AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR FITZGERALD OCTOBER 24
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WAS PERHAPS THE MOST INTERESTING SUBSTANTIVELY. I ASKED

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FITZGERALD WHAT HE WANTED TO DO IN HIS MISSION TO CHINA. HE
REPLIED HE WANTED TO BE IN A POSITION THAT HE WOULD BE
CONSULTED ON MAJOR DECISIONS OF PRC BEFORE THEY HAPPENED.
HE THEN WENT ON TO VOLUNTEER HIS USEFULNESS TO US ON TWO
MAIN POINTS.

A. INDIA -- HE SEES THE INDIAN-PRC PROBLEM AS GETTING WORSE. HE
FEARS MISCALCULATION ON THE PART OF CHINA. AS GOI AND PRC GAIN
NUCLEAR STRENGTH, HE FEELS PRC MIGHT BE PUSED INTO
MISCALCULATION. HE VIEWS HAK'S TRIP TO INDIA AS VERY IMPORTANT IN
TERMS OF PRC RELATIONS. THE INDIANS IN PEKING ARE TREATED ALMOST
THE SAME AS THE RUSSIANS. THEIR CHARGE GETS NOWHERE. I SUGGESTED
AN INFORMAL VISIT WITH OUR POLITICAL COUNSELORS TO REVIEW HIS
GOI-PRC CONCERNS. HE IS ALL FOR IT.

B. CAMBODIA -- FITZGERALD HAS "GOOD" CONTACTS WITH SIHANOUK AND MORE
IMPORTANT, HE FEELS, WITH SARIN CHHAK, SIHANOUK'S FOREIGN
MINISTER, WHO IS LESS INTERESTED IN SIHANOUK'S ROLE IN A NEW
GOVERNMENT IN CAMBODIA THAN IN SEEING THE WHOLE PROBLEM
SOLVED.

FITZGERALD FEELS THAT HE MIGHT WELL SERVE AS A KIND OF
LIAISON BETWEEN US AND SIHANOUK OR SARIN CHHAK IF IT WOULD
EVER BE HELPFUL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
HE RECOGNIZES IT IS UNLIKELY WE'D WANT HIM TO DO THIS BUT
THE OFFER WAS GENEROUS NEVERTHELESS.?7 VBUSH

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